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1. POL COUNCSELOR INQUIRED ABOUT AZIZ AHMED'S SEPTEMBER 14 STATEMENT OPPOSING BANGLADESH ADMISSION TO UN DURING COURSE OF SEPTEMBER 19 MEETING WITH MFA DIRGEN FOR UN AFFAIRS, M. A. BHATTY, ASKING WHETHER STATEMENT REPRESENTED DEFINITIVE PAK POSITION. RATHER DEFENSIVELY, BHATTY CONFIRMED THAT THIS WAS INDEED GOP'S "PRESENT" POSITION.

2. IN GOP VIEW, BHATTY EXPLAINED, BANGLADESH WOULD NOT BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECURITY COUNCIL AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS OF DECEMBER 1971, NOR WITH GENEVA CONVENTIONS, UNTIL IT HAD PERMITTED RETURN OF ALL POW'S
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TO PAKISTAN INCLUDING THE 195 IT HAD EARMARKED FOR

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WAR CRIMES TRIALS. PAKISTAN WOULD FIND IT NECESSARY
TO OPPOSE BANGLADESH MEMBERSHIP IN UN UNTIL DACCA
HAD COMPLIED FULLY WITH THESE INSTRUMENTS, WHICH WOULD
REQUIRE SPECIFIC ABANDONMENT OF WAR CRIMES TRIALS.

3. POL COUNSELOR ASKED HOW GOP ASSESSED LIKELIHOOD OF
BANGLADESH ADMISSION COMING BEFORE UNGA THIS YEAR.
BHATTY REPLIED THAT GOP HAD INITIALLY CONCLUDED ISSUE
MIGHT BE AVOIDED SINCE THERE WAS LITTLE CHANCE OF
COMPLETING POW-BENGALEE-BIHARI EXCHANGES BEFORE END
OF SESSION. DURING FINAL HOURS OF ALGIERS NON-ALIGNED
CONFERENCE, HOWEVER, RESOLUTION FAVORING BANGLADESH
ADMISSION HAD BEEN "SLIPPED IN" AND PAKISTAN'S FRIENDS
AT CONFERENCE HAD BEEN "TOO PREOCCUPIED AND TIRED"
TO BLOCK IT. WITH ALGIERS ENDORSEMENT, BHATTY
CONTINUED, GOP EXPECTED THAT "SOMEONE LIKE THE
YUGOSLAVS" WOULD PRESS A RESOLUTION RE BANGLADESH
MEMBERSHIP.SANDERHOFF

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